

Litany of Saint Joseph

LORD HAVE MERCY ON US.
CHRIST HAVE MERCY ON US.
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CHRIST, HEAR US. CHRIST GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.
GOD THE FATHER OF HEAVEN, *HAVE MERCY ON US.*
GOD THE SON, REDEEMER OF THE WORLD, *HAVE MERCY ON US*
GOD THE HOLY GHOST, *HAVE MERCY ON US*
HOLY TRINITY, ONE GOD, *HAVE MERCY ON US*
HOLY MARY, *PRAY FOR US.*
SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY, *PRAY FOR US*
SAINT JOSEPH, FOSTER-FATHER OF JESUS,
MAN ACCORDING TO GOD'S OWN HEART,
SERVANT FAITHFUL AND PRUDENT, †*PRAY FOR US*
PATTERN OF HUMILITY AND OBEDIENCE,
EXAMPLE OF CHARITY AND CHASTITY,
DECLARED TO BE A JUST MAN BY THE TESTIMONY OF THE HOLY
GHOST,
CHOSEN MINISTER IN THE COUNSELS OF THE MOST HIGH,
TAUGHT FROM ABOVE THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATE WORD,
WHO DIDST JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM WITH MARY, THY SPOUSE,
WHO WAST THOUGHT WORTHY TO BE PRESENT WHEN
CHRIST WAS BORN AND LAID IN A MANGER,
WHO DIDST BEAR IN THINE ARMS THE SON OF GOD,
WHO, AT THE WARNING OF THE ANGEL, DIDST FLY INTO EGYPT
WITH THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER,
WHO, WHEN HEROD WAS DEAD, DIDST RETURN WITH THEM
INTO THE LAND OF ISRAEL,
WHO FOR THREE DAYS, WITH MARY HIS MOTHER, SORROWING,
DIDST SEEK THE CHILD JESUS WHEN LOST IN JERUSALEM,
WHO AFTER THREE DAYS, DIDST WITH JOY FIND HIM IN THE
MIDST OF THE DOCTORS,
WHO HADST THE LORD OF LORDS SUBJECT TO THEE ON EARTH,

WHO WAST THE HAPPY WITNESS OF HIS HIDDEN LIFE,
WHO DIDST DIE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS AND MARY,
WHOSE PRAISE IS IN THE GOSPELS,

IN ALL OUR NECESSITIES, †*SAINT JOSEPH, HELP US.*
IN ALL OUR DISTRESSES,
IN THE HOUR OF DEATH,
THROUGH THY PATERNAL CARE AND FIDELITY,
THROUGH THY LOVE OF JESUS AND MARY,
THROUGH THY LABOURS AND TOIL,
THAT WE MAY OBTAIN THE PARDON OF OUR SINS,
THAT WE MAY ALL LIVE IN THE CHASTITY FITTING OUR STATE,
THAT PARENTS AND OTHERS CHARGED WITH THE
EDUCATION OF CHILDREN MAY ACCOMPLISH THIS DUTY IN A
CHRISTIAN SPIRIT,
THAT, LIKE THEE, WE MAY DIE IN THE COMPANY OF JESUS
AND MARY,

THAT, BY THY PRAYERS, THOU WOULDST HELP THE SOULS OF
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, †*SAINT JOSEPH, HEAR US*

LAMB OF GOD, THAT TAKEST AWAY THE SINS OF THE
WORLD, †*SPARE US, O LORD.*

LAMB OF GOD, THAT TAKEST AWAY THE SINS OF THE
WORLD, †*GRACIOUSLY HEAR US, O LORD.*

LAMB OF GOD, THAT TAKEST AWAY THE SINS OF THE
WORLD, †*SPARE US, O LORD.*

CHRIST HEAR US. †CHRIST GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

LET US PRAY

O GOD, WHO DIDST CHOOSE BLESSED JOSEPH TO BE THE SPOUSE AND GUARDIAN OF THE
VIRGIN-MOTHER OF THY SON OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: WE HUMBLY BESEECH THEE TO GRANT
US, THROUGH HIS PATRONAGE AND MERITS, SUCH PURITY OF MIND AND OF BODY, THAT,
BEING CLEANSED FROM EVERY STAIN AND CLOTHED WITH THE TRUE MARRIAGE-GARMENT, WE
MAY, BY THY MERCY, BE ADMITTED TO THE HEAVENLY BANQUET. THROUGH THE SAME
CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

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